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to whom it may concern

As a Canadian citizen I understand my comments on actions of the American Justice Department are somewhat misplaced. I have however watched the DoJ vs Microsoft lawsuit unfold with interest and some trepidation. I have felt on many occasions that the progress of the technology sector has been both helped and hampered by Microsoft. The real issue in the case however is the degree to which the consumer has been affected. I can claim that, in my opinion, Microsoft has limited my options as a consumer. Microsoft road blocks have cropped up many times over the course of the 12 years I have used computers professionally and as a hobby. It has been a source of frustration that good 3rd party software has, time and again, been compromised by Microsoft practices.

My own government seems less aware of the consequences of a monopoly in the arena of Operating Systems and Web Browsers. My own experience with these items has led me to believe that they are more important in a national or global sense than just another consumer appliance. I applaud the actions undertaken by the Justice Department and hope that Microsoft's apparent anti competitive practices are given great weight and that a remedy is chosen that prevents Microsoft from continuing to do business in the same manner.

Sincerely
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